

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-7 and 10 are amended, and claims 2, 8, 14 and 15 are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 2, 3 and 8 are directed to allowable subject matter.

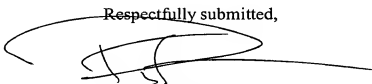
The Office Action rejects claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. However, the rejection of the canceled claims is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4-7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Fuse et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,089,812). Claims 1 and 7 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 2 and 8, respectively, which, as asserted by the Office Action, contain allowable subject matter. Claims 3-6 depend from claim 1; and claims 9-13 depend from claim 7 and are thus also allowable. Thus, Fuse does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 3-7 and 9-13. The rejection of canceled claims 14 and 15 is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 4-7 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3-7 and 9-13 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desired in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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